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To: All Maricopa County Districts

From: Jean Bandes, Director of Technology
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We are pleased to make the announcement that you have all been patiently waiting for!

On February 4, 2004, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved the signing of a contract between Windsor Management Group and Maricopa County. The Infinite Visions® Enterprise Edition System will replace our current AS/400 CIMS® System.

We believe that you will be as enthusiastic about implementing this new system as we are. The new system will enable us to take advantage of new technologies and provide you with an enhanced, user friendly system. We are excited about the new partnership with Windsor Management.

One of our project goals is to implement the new system for 6 districts by July 1, 2004. The remaining districts will go live on January 1, 2005. Some of the criteria used to determine the first districts to "go live" on the new system included:

- ❑ Considering current internal obligations, district ability and willingness to commit staff member time to help this project succeed.
- ❑ Staff member willingness to 'do what it takes' to work through the issues that arise and the ability to recommend solutions to issues.
- ❑ Ability of district staff members to transfer knowledge to school district personnel, under the direction of the Maricopa County School Superintendents office.
- ❑ Technical expertise of District staff in Payroll, General Ledger, and system
- ❑ Size, complexity, and status of current CIMS database
- ❑ Physical location of the district to facilitate conversion and training activities

We had several districts interested in being the first to go live, and if your district was not selected, it is not necessarily a reflection of inadequacies in the above areas. We thank you for your willingness to participate in the initial conversions!

The following districts will implement the new software on July 1, 2004:

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| • Agua Fria Union | • Buckeye Elementary |
| • Littleton Elementary | • Maricopa County Regional School District |
| • Morristown Elementary | • Liberty Elementary |

On behalf of Dr. Sandra Dowling, we want to extend our gratitude to the evaluation team members who dedicated many hours to evaluate the products available, and to all of the district personnel who took the time to provide input throughout this RFP process. The interest that you have all shown in this project has been phenomenal.

We are looking forward to a great FY 2005 and beyond with the capabilities and potential of the new system!